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Dear Darcy:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on the Energy Star exit sign specification revision process. I strongly suggest the revision is written to allow Photoluminescent based products to be used. Energy Star is all about saving electricity and there is no better way to save electricity than allowing a device that doesn't require electricity at all.

As you know, UL has already addressed this issue with photoluminescent based products. They have concluded that photoluminescent based products can comply with the UL 924 standard. Several companies have already received approval for their exit sign and are allowed to carry the UL label.

The painstaking work of establishing an exit sign test specification has already been done by UL. **I would suggest that Energy Star follow the UL 924 test specification.** UL 924 is currently in its eighth edition and is currently seeking ANSI status. NFPA Life Safety Code 101 says that Photoluminescent signs must be listed to UL 924. I have also heard that Canada is thinking of adopting the UL 924 standard. This would be a start in making this an international standard.

I would like to ask you to please keep me in the loop as you move along in this specification process. I welcome the chance to comment and truly appreciate you allowing me to do so on behalf of my company.

Sincerely,

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